Amendment in law regarding age of girls for marriage

1291. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government purpose to make any amendment to the existing laws to do away with any discrepancies existing in the law regarding age of girls for getting married;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) On the basis of the recommendation of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice made in its 13th Report in November, 2005 on the Prevention of Child Marriage Bill, 2004, the issue of determination of common age of eighteen years for both male and female is being considered by the Government.

Courts in rural areas

†1292. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for establishing courts in rural areas is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount required for this purpose; and

(d) the details of the amount to be provided by Government for establishing these courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Government is considering the question of bringing in a Parliamentary legislation for the establishment of Gram Nyayalayas at the intermediate Panchayat level or group of Gram Panchayats. The proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall consist of a Nyayadhikari who shall be qualified to be eligible to be appointed as Judidicial Magistrate of the first class and belonging to a cadre of Nyayadhikaris constituted by the Governor in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.